

**Consideration of the dedication of the Spring Lake & Bog Nature Preserve in Allen County**

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 98.328 acre property that is in the northwest part of Allen County, approximately 5.5 miles from Fort Wayne. This nature preserve protects mesic upland woodlands, a bog, and portions of lakeshore along Lake Everett and is located in Indiana's Northern Lakes Natural Region.

This Nature Preserve is one of the sites listed in Alton Lindsey's 'Natural Ares of Indiana and Their Preservation'. It consists of 1,000+ feet of Lake Everett shoreline, the county's only natural lake, mesic woodlands with peaty soils across rolling topography and a 2 acre bog. The sphagnum bog provides habitat for orchids, pitcher plants and four-toed salamanders – a State Endangered species. This northern muckland woodland is also home to a healthy population of cinnamon ferns that reach 5 feet in height.

This tract is owned and managed by the ACRES Land Trust. Funding assistance for this project was from multiple sources and includes: Indiana Heritage Trust, Bicentennial Nature Trust, and the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A.

## Spring Lake Woods & Bog Nature Preserve

County: Allen  
Size: 98.328 acres

## SLO Exhibit A

USGS Quad Map: Churubusco  
Ownership: ACRES Land Trust, Inc



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